AH - Take this - Shinn too has one -- and we'll talk on the phone. (Horace hasn't seen this yet) WK 2-25-71

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Dear Doctors Ackerman and Lacy:

On behalf of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Philip Morris Incorporated, Lorillard, A Division of Loews Theatres Inc., and Liggett & Myers, Inc., member companies of The Tobacco Institute who are manufacturers of cigarettes, and on behalf of Tobacco Associates, an organization of leaf growers, I am pleased to send the enclosed communication.

As you will see, these entitities agree jointly to provide $2 million to further your program of isolation and identification of specific cancer antigens, to expand the basis for forecasting, early detection, treatment and possible prevention of cancer in humans.

~~In my opinion the tobacco industry is deserving of the highest praise for this very significant additional support of~~ Advancement of medical knowledge relating to the fundamental aspects of cancer in man is a goal which the tobacco industry is happy to encourage as a part of its research into grave health problems which afflict people everywhere Commitment to regardless of whether they are users of tobacco in any form. This is one more step in an array of commitments first undertaken by this industry 17 years ago, and which are approaching $40 million in support of independent, objective scientific research.

In reaching their very favorable decision with respect to your research proposal, I know that those who are participating are

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very much aware of your assertion of the probable existence of literally hundreds of carcinogens in our environment. Despite enormous expense and efforts from many sources, including the tobacco industry, no human carcinogen has been identified in tobacco smoke. In this situation, given the magnificent contributions to scientific knowledge to date from you and your associates and many others, your suggestion of an evolving "era of immunology of cancer" obviously deserves the widest possible support.

It is a great honor to forward the enclosed letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Horace R. Kornegay

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